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Claims 1 and 3-15 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 2 is cancelled.

Claims 1-3 and 5-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the website describing *Captioning Software for Post-Production (Captioning Software)*. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection.

With regard to claim 1, *Captioning Software* does not disclose or suggest,

... a first port for receiving a data signal that represents a plurality of lines of caption text and **respective independent amounts of display time** respective selected lines of the plurality of lines;...

...wherein the video processor includes an on-screen display for converting the caption text into a video image and a memory for holding the selected lines of the captioned text for **an amount of time substantially equal to the assigned respective independent amount of display time** and the video processor combines the video image and the video signal to form the output video signal. (Emphasis added).

Basis for this amendment may be found in paragraph [0060].

As shown in the Figure at page 4 of *Captioning Software*, start times are assigned for selected lines of captioned text. That is, when the first word of a caption is heard, the user presses the (+) key, which assigns a start time (time code) for the captioned text. (Page 5, lines 17-21). *Captioning Software* does not, however, disclose either end times for the selected lines or time intervals for displaying the lines. Rather, every line of text in *Captioning Software* is displayed for the same amount of time determined by the closed captioning system or character generator. Thus, *Captioning Software* does not disclose assigning respective independent amounts of display time for respective selected lines of the captioned text, as required by claim 1.

Applicant's claimed feature of assigning respective independent amounts of display times to selected lines of the caption text is advantageous over the prior art because each line can be displayed for a predetermined amount of time. That is, the lines can be displayed for longer or shorter time intervals than the intervals determined by the closed captioning system.

Because *Captioning Software* does not disclose or suggest the features of claim 1, claim 1 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of *Captioning Software*. The

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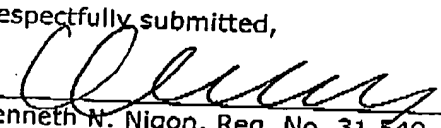
rejection of claim 2 is moot due to the cancellation of claim 2. Claim 3 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 3 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of *Captioning Software*.

With regard to claims 5, 9, 13 and 15, these claims, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 5, 9, 13 and 15 are also not subject to rejection for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Claims 6-8, 10-12 and 14, which include all of the features of their respective base claims, are also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of *Captioning Software* for the reasons described above with respect to their base claims.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) as being anticipated by *Captioning Software* and Official Notice that it is well known within the prior art for a receiving device to request data from a transmitting device when it is ready to process the data. As described above, *Captioning Software* does not disclose the features of claim 1. The Official Notice asserted by the Examiner does not disclose the features of claim 1 which are missing from *Captioning Software*. Claim 4 depends from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 4 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of *Captioning Software* and Official Notice.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 3-15.

Respectfully submitted,


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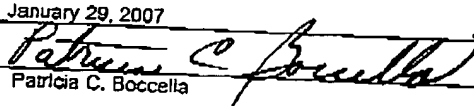
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